



**Forester Licensing Board**  
Minutes – May 28, 2015  
Harvard Forest-Shaler Hall, Petersham, MA

Attendance

**Board Members: D. Kittredge, M. Barry, B. Spencer, E. Boss, R. Wilmot**

**Others in attendance: P. Church**

Public Inquiry

Steve Ward was in attendance. He came to ask for reinstatement of his expired license #244. He read to the board a letter he provided and apologized for a lack of judgment. He included a packet with CEU History. The FLB recommended since his license expired in October 2008 when he failed at that time to meet his renewal requirements (302 CMR 14.04 (6) (b)) that he must now submit a new application and meet the requirements in CMR 14.04 (2).

The FLB chair brought up that Mr. Ward has been engaging in the practice of forestry without a license since 2008 which appears to be a violation of MGL CH 132. However, the FLB responsibilities are explained in 302 CMR 14:03 (3) (a), (b), (c), and (d) which does not include CH 132 enforcement. The FLB believes since DCR oversees CH 132, that it appears to be an internal matter.

The FLB believes that we acted within our purview by advising Mr. Ward that he needs a license and what the FLB needs to see in his new application when he submits it.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Secretary referred members to the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. *A motion was made (MB) and seconded (BS) to accept the minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.*

New Applications

Reviewed and recommended by the board to the director the new application package submitted by:

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>MLF#</b>
<b>Wikle</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>434</b>
<b>Hansen</b>	<b>Eric</b>	<b>435</b>

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Applicant (Wikle) was approved with 1 FLB member abstaining (MB).

#### Renewal Applications

The following applications were reviewed and recommended to the director for license renewal.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MLF#
Leonard	Michael	145
Randall	John	414
Hull	William	102
Hawthorne	Brian	366
Fish	Lincoln	69
Kulis	Richard	131
Harder	Mel	271
Hyder	Lukas	308
Baker	Rexford	9
Edwards	John	65
Lee	Joseph	143
Morin	Dennis	172
Vautour	Joelle	407
Downs	William	306
Powers	Michael	384
Heyes	Fred	93
Kittredge	David	127
Bower	Brian	328
Hill	Tim	95
VanDoren	William	380
Labossiere	Michael	134
Peracchio	Daniel	396
Matteo	Michelle	360
Marquis	Kate	422
Dinardo	Keith	425
Emanuel	Carlen	404
Reed	Daniel	280
Scherer	Kevin	362
Parrott	Jonathan	392
Jenkins	Thomas	354
Beers	David	343
BarkerPlotkin	Audrey	385

*DK recused himself from his application. Applicant (A. Page) was sent a request for more documentation of CEU's. A motion was made (DK) and seconded (RW) to recommend the New/Renewal license applications to the director. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.*

### Expired Licenses

None.

### License Complaints

1 complaint.

The Director officially requested the FLB Chair to investigate the complaint made by Mr. Breau against Forester Mr. Mauri. Mr. Mauri has submitted a letter stating his side of the story. The FLB Chair David Kittredge and Bruce Spencer have both recused themselves from the investigation. The FLB Chair appoints Michael Barry to perform the investigation. The FLB feels Mr. Barry's experience in the private sector of Forestry will prove invaluable to the investigation. The FLB Chair will notify Mr. Breau of the investigation process. The Director will notify Mr. Mauri of the investigation process. Mr. Barry will now conduct a thorough investigation and provide a written report containing a summary of the evidence. At that time the FLB will then review the investigators report and make a recommendation to the Director of State Parks and Recreation (14.05 (5) (a)).

### Other Business

- **Update on three year licensing:** The Director PC states that there are new people in DCR hierarchy. However, the legislative liaison is the same person who knows the bill/issue well.
- **Greg Cox Tree Farm CEU Question:** The MA FLB will award 1 Category 1 CEU per year to Foresters for performing a Tree Farm Inspection (limit of 1 for a year).
- **Fred Heyes "Ferns of South Quabbin" CEU question about June events and when credit is earned and then submitted:** If your license expires on July 1<sup>st</sup> and you expect to take a course in late June, The FLB recommends waiting until you get the certificate to submit your renewal application if you need the credits to meet your requirements. There is a 60 day grace period. So, someone whose license expires on July 1<sup>st</sup> can submit their application sometime before the end of August if need be.

Next Meeting will be held at Shaler Hall/Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA on:

July 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 @6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Cc: Peter Church